

Sherwood Forrest
Charles City,
Virginia.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Richmond, Va.

Historic American Buildings Survey
Major Eugene Bradbury, District Officer
210 East Franklin St., Richmond, Va.

Addendum to
Sherwood Forest
(John Tyler House)
.2 mile south of State Route 5,
2 miles east of intersection
with State Route 623
Charles City vicinity
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National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Charles City County	TOWN OR VICINITY Charles City vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Sherwood Forest		HABS NO. VA-722
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE John Tyler House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .2 mile south of State Route 5, 2 miles east of intersection with State Route 623		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1780	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of President John Tyler for the last 20 years of his life. Architecturally, the house is particularly interesting as one of the longest frame dwellings in America.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame, with clapboarding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 300' long; composed of a central block (2½ stories), flanking wings (1½ stories), flanking hyphens (1 story), and flanking dependencies (1½ stories; gable roofs throughout		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Porches capped by balconies on front and rear of central block; pedimented dormers on central block and wings; floor-length windows on 1st floor of central block		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interesting woodwork and panelling; unusual ballroom with arched ceiling		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Original 1780 house added to by President Tyler. He expanded the original 2½ story central block by building the eastern hyphen, the western hyphen and western dependency. House restored during the 1970's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Restored and opened to the public on a limited basis.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed as a National Historic Landmark		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS		DATE 9/14/83

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